

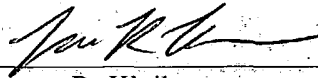
claims 6-20 were prosecuted in that application. Claims 23-38 of the present application recite subject matter identical to that required by claims 23-38 of the parent application.

### **3. Conclusion**

It is respectfully submitted that the present application as amended is in condition for allowance and prompt notification thereof is requested. If the prosecution of this application can be advanced by a telephone conference, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (212) 530-5363.

Respectfully submitted,

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